

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the above referenced application.

The Examiner has refused to consider the references cited in the PTO-Form 1449, stating as the reason for this refusal that Applicant failed to provide copies. Applicant has attached herewith copies of the missing references, along with a courtesy copy of the PTO-Form 1449 submitted earlier.

Based on the amendments to the claims, Applicant submits that the rejections based on section 112, paragraphs 1 and 2, have been obviated.

As for the prior art rejections, Applicant submits that these have been obviated by incorporating into the claims subject matter that the Examiner deemed allowable.

Applicant asserts that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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